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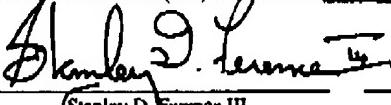
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Franz et al.
Serial No. : 09/493,507 Examiner : D. Abebe
Filed : January 28, 2000 Art Unit : 2641
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January 5, 2004

REQUEST FOR REINSTATEMENT

I hereby certify that this correspondence and any documents referred to as enclosed therewith are being facsimile transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office on (703) 308-9916 on January 5, 2004.


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January 5, 2004

Date of Signature

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Sir:

Responsive to the Notice of Abandonment dated November 3, 2003, Applicants
hereby request reinstatement of the above-identified application. In support thereof,
Applicants state as follows:

1. The last Office Action was dated January 13, 2003. Applicants timely responded to Office Action by mailing an Amendment, a Petition And Fee For Extension

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Of Time Pursuant To 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(A), and a Change in Correspondence Address,
together with return post cards, to the Commissioner for Patents by first class mail on
July 14, 2003 (July 13, 2003, being a Sunday).

2. Applicant has not yet received a stamped post card receipt from the U.S.
Patent and Trademark Office acknowledging receipt of the correspondence mailed on
July 14, 2003.

3. A copy of the Amendment, Petition And Fee For Extension Of Time Pursuant
To 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(A), and Change in Correspondence Address, all of which bear a
Certificate of Mailing in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.8, is attached hereto.

4. This Request for Reinstatement is being made promptly, as it is made within
two (2) months of the date of the Notice of Abandonment (the two (2) month period
having expired on a Saturday and this Request is being made on the next succeeding day
which is not a Saturday or Sunday).

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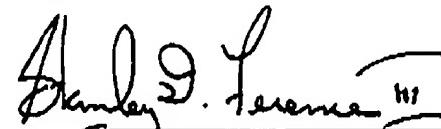
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WHEREFORE, Applicants respectfully submit the Notice of Abandonment was issued in error and the above-identified application should reinstated.

Respectfully submitted,



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